

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 2D STRYKER CAVALRY REGIMENT ROSE BARRACKS, VILSECK, GERMANY APO AE 09112



REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

## 31 March 2009

Dear Dragoon Family,

Grüß Gott and welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Cavalry Regiment, but most importantly to our Dragoon Family. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Cavalry Regiment has the distinction of being the "Longest Active Serving Cavalry Regiment in the United States Army." The 2d Regiment of Dragoons was constituted on 23 May 1836 to fight in the Florida Seminole Indian Campaigns. The "Dragoon" – a mounted infantryman – was deemed the most capable Soldier to defeat the agile and elusive Seminole. Today, the Regiment consists of six Squadrons: 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron "War Eagles", 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron "Cougars", 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron "Wolfpack", 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron "Sabres", Fires Squadron "Artillery Hell", and the Regimental Support Squadron "Muleskinners".

You have arrived in one of the most beautiful and well known areas of Germany. Although it is rural, you will be able to visit larger German cities and other European countries, including Italy, Austria, and the Czech Republic, all easily accessible by public transportation. Additionally, our small and close-knit community offers a variety of family oriented activities, quality schools, professional agencies, recreation and numerous volunteer opportunities.

Our community has something for everyone, whether you are a new Soldier to the Army, a brand new spouse, an experienced Soldier, or a seasoned spouse. We hope that your time in the Dragoon Family will be rewarding, enjoyable, and memorable. We look forward to meeting you, and once again, we welcome you to our Dragoon Family. We are here for you—for you and your family.

Please visit the Regiment's website at: http://www.2scr.army.mil/ to view additional information on the Regiment and click on the "Newcomers' Tab" to access information about arriving to the unit.

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